

**AGENDA MATERIALS**

**Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle 2007-2**

**LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP**

**September 18, 2007, 1:00 PM  
County Commission Chambers  
5th Floor, Leon County Courthouse**

**ATTACHMENT #1**

**Workshop Agenda**

**September 18, 2007**

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2007, 1 PM  
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**CYCLE 2007-2 PLAN AMENDMENT WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**A. Introductory comments by Staff**

**B. Workshop on Cycle 2007-2 Comprehensive Plan amendments**

**Amendment #PCM070201**

Proposed map amendment change from Residential Corridor to Residential Corridor Node for 10.3 acres fronting on Mahan Drive and Dempsey Mayo Road. [Staff: Cherie Bryant]

**Amendment #PCM070202a**

Proposed map amendment change from Suburban to Recreation/Open Space on 2.9 acres fronting on the east side of Lake Bradford Road at its intersection with Walcott Street. [Staff: Steve Hodges]

**Amendment #PCM 070202b**

Proposed map amendment change from Rural to Recreation/Open Space on 328.6 acres located at the southeast corner of Baum and Buck Lake Roads. [Staff: Steve Hodges]

**Amendment #PCM 070203**

Proposed map amendment change from Residential Preservation to Grandville Mixed Use on 10.3 acres fronting on the east side of Hill N' Dale Road opposite its intersection with Chocomausville Road. [Staff: Sean Gregory]

**Amendment #PCM 070204**

Proposed map amendment change from Urban Fringe to Residential Preservation on 119.82 acres lying east of Hill N' Dale Drive and bounded on the north by Interstate 10. The property is also proposed for inclusion inside the Urban Service Area (USA). [Staff: Brian Wiebler]

**Amendment #PCM 070205**

Proposed map amendment change from Residential Preservation to Urban Residential on 2.07 acres located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Ox Bottom and Thomasville Roads. [Staff: Steve Hodges]

#### **Amendment #PCT 070206**

Proposed text amendment change would replace the optional Education Element with the required Public School Facilities Element. The proposed Element integrates State-mandated concurrency requirements for public schools into the comprehensive plan. New policies are also proposed for the Intergovernmental Coordination and Capital Improvements Elements. [Staff: Dan Lucas]

#### **Amendment #PCT 070207**

Proposed text amendment change modifies Policy 2.1.9 of the Land Use Element, providing a sunset date of February 1, 2009 for the non-family heir provision. The proposed amendment also simplifies comprehensive plan language related to family heir Policy 2.1.9 subdivisions, creating consistency with Florida Statutes. [Staff: Allison Stewart]

#### **Amendment #PCT 070202**

Proposed text amendment change to Land Use Element Policies 1.4.18, 2.1.11, and 2.2.28 to remove the restriction in Central Urban future land use category that density on a local street is limited to 16 dwelling units per acre. With the restriction removed the maximum allowable density would be 45 dwelling units per acre. [Staff: Fred Goodrow]

#### **Amendment #PCT 070203**

Proposed text amendment change to the Land Use Element Policy 2.1.12 and disengagement from the Tallahassee Land Development Matrix to remove the restriction that properties in University Transition future land use category are limited to 25 dwelling units per acre on local streets. With the restriction removed the allowable density would be a maximum of 50 dwelling units per acre. [Staff: Allison Stewart]

### **C. Adjournment**

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**ATTACHMENT #2**

**Summary  
Of Cycle 2007-2 Actions**

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MATRIX FOR CYCLE 2007-2

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Item #	Amendment To:	Nature of Proposed Amendment	Leon County School District Staff Comments	Planning Staff Recommendation	LPA Recommendation	City Commission Position	Board of County Commissioners Position
PCM070201	FUTURE LAND USE MAP (Mahan Dr. & Dempsey Mayo Rd.)	From: Residential Corridor To: Residential Corridor Node 10.83 acres	District-wide capacity is available. New middle school to open in 2008 that will affect Swift Creek Middle School enrollment.	A	A		
PCM070202a	FUTURE LAND USE MAP (E. side of Lake Bradford Rd. at its intersection with Walcott St.)	From: Suburban To: Recreation/Open Space 2.9 acres	District-wide capacity is available. No impact proposed.	A	A		
PCM070202b	FUTURE LAND USE MAP (SE corner of Baum & Buck Lake Roads)	From: Rural To: Recreation/Open Space 328.6 acres	District-wide capacity is available. No impact proposed.	A	A		
PCM070203	FUTURE LAND USE MAP (E. side of Thomasville Rd. opposite Chancellorsville Dr. intersection)	From: Residential Preservation To: Bradfordville Mixed Use 10.3 acres	District-wide capacity is available. Capital improvements are budgeted that will increase capacity.	D	D		
PCM070204	FUTURE LAND USE MAP (Lying E. of Hill N Dale Dr. & south of I-10)	From: Urban Fringe To: Residential Preservation & bring inside the USA	District-wide capacity is available. 2 new schools will open in 2008 & that will increase capacity.	A with conditions	2-2 tie vote on a motion to recommend approval with conditions; motion failed		
PCM070205	FUTURE LAND USE MAP (SW corner of Ox Bottom & Thomasville Rds.)	From: Residential Preservation To: Urban Residential 2.09 acres	District-wide capacity is available. Capital improvements are budgeted that will increase capacity.	A	A		

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PCT070204	TEXT AMENDMENT	Changes to Land Use & Capital Improvements Elements establishing an Urban Service Boundary as a subset of the Urban Service Area		A	A		
PCT070205	TEXT AMENDMENT	Changes to the Land Use Element clarifying timing of development under the cluster option when urban services are available in UF		A	A		
PCT070206	TEXT AMENDMENT	Change would replace the optional Education Element with the required Public School Facilities Element		A	A		
PCT070207	TEXT AMENDMENT	Changes modify Policy 2.1.9 of the Land Use Element providing a sunset date for 2.1.9 subdivisions & modify Comp Plan language related to family heir subdivisions.		A	AM (Notify property owners of sunset date.)		

**ATTACHMENT #3**

**AMENDMENT PCT 070203**

**Review of the New Campus Star Metro Routes**

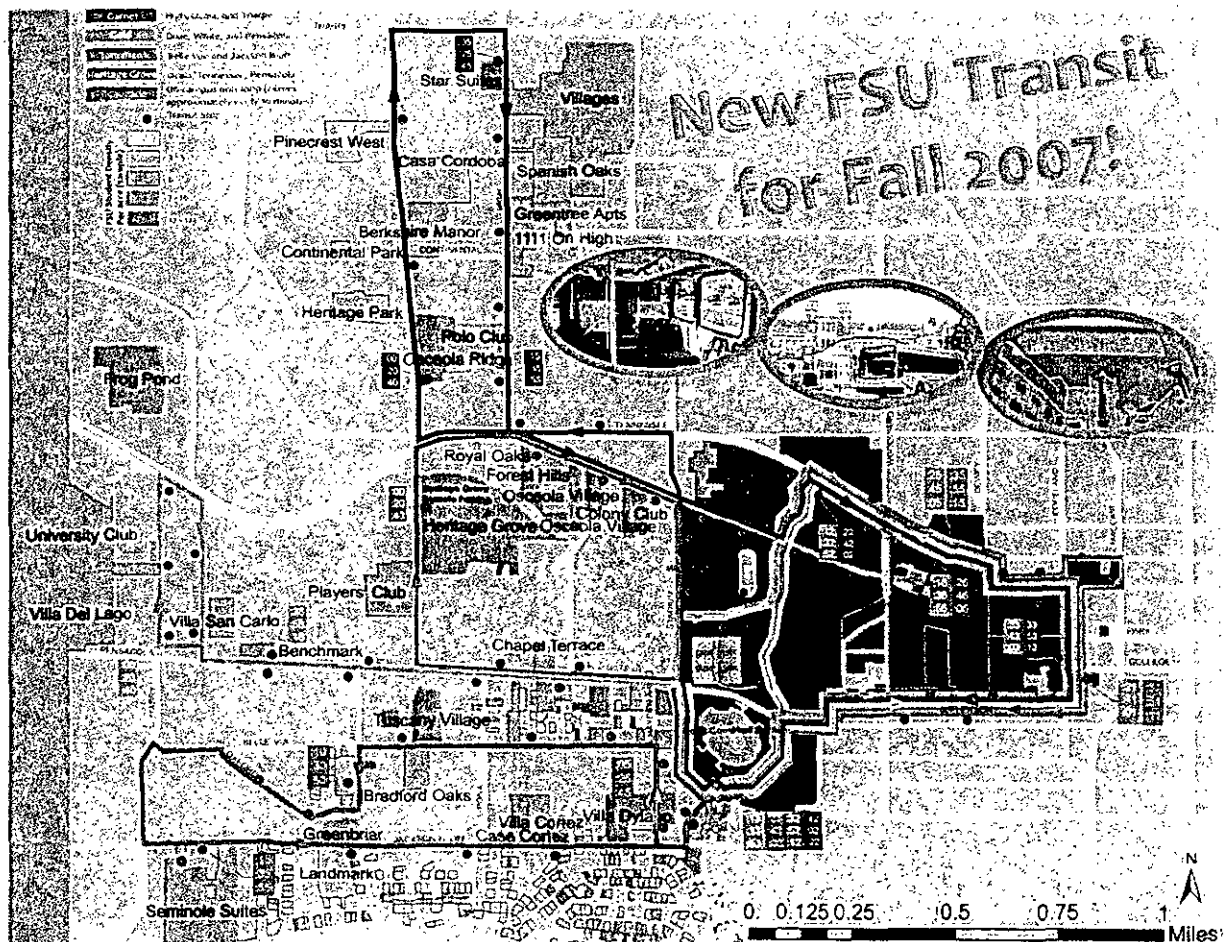
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PCT070203 (University Transition)  
New StarMetro Services to FSU and the FSU/FAMU Engineering School

StarMetro began running new "Seminole Express" routes in the FSU area on August 20, 2007. The routes use the same 11 buses previously used as on-campus circulators. However, the new routes include off-campus destinations as well, in order to increase use of the buses and decrease congestion around the universities. The bus routes service over 55 apartment complexes. Over 53% of the student population live within 1/4 mile of the expanded bus routes, greatly increasing the number of students who have access to transit. In addition, all of the buses on these routes have bike racks.

The buses serving apartment complexes run from 7 am to 7 pm approximately every 20 minutes, and the on-campus circulator runs approximately every 10 minutes. The expanded Night Nole service runs from 10 pm - 3 am between FSU, Pensacola, Appleyard, Tennessee, Ocala, and Tharpe. StarMetro does not have conclusive data for ridership yet, but riders and staff observed "packed" buses that are busy at times buses used to run almost empty. This indicates a high success rate for increasing the number of students using the buses. In addition, StarMetro has requested information on student residence locations from TCC and FAMU to evaluate potential route changes to better address student commutes. The map below shows the new routes, campus boundaries, and student densities in the catchment area.



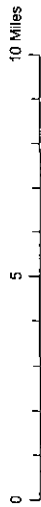
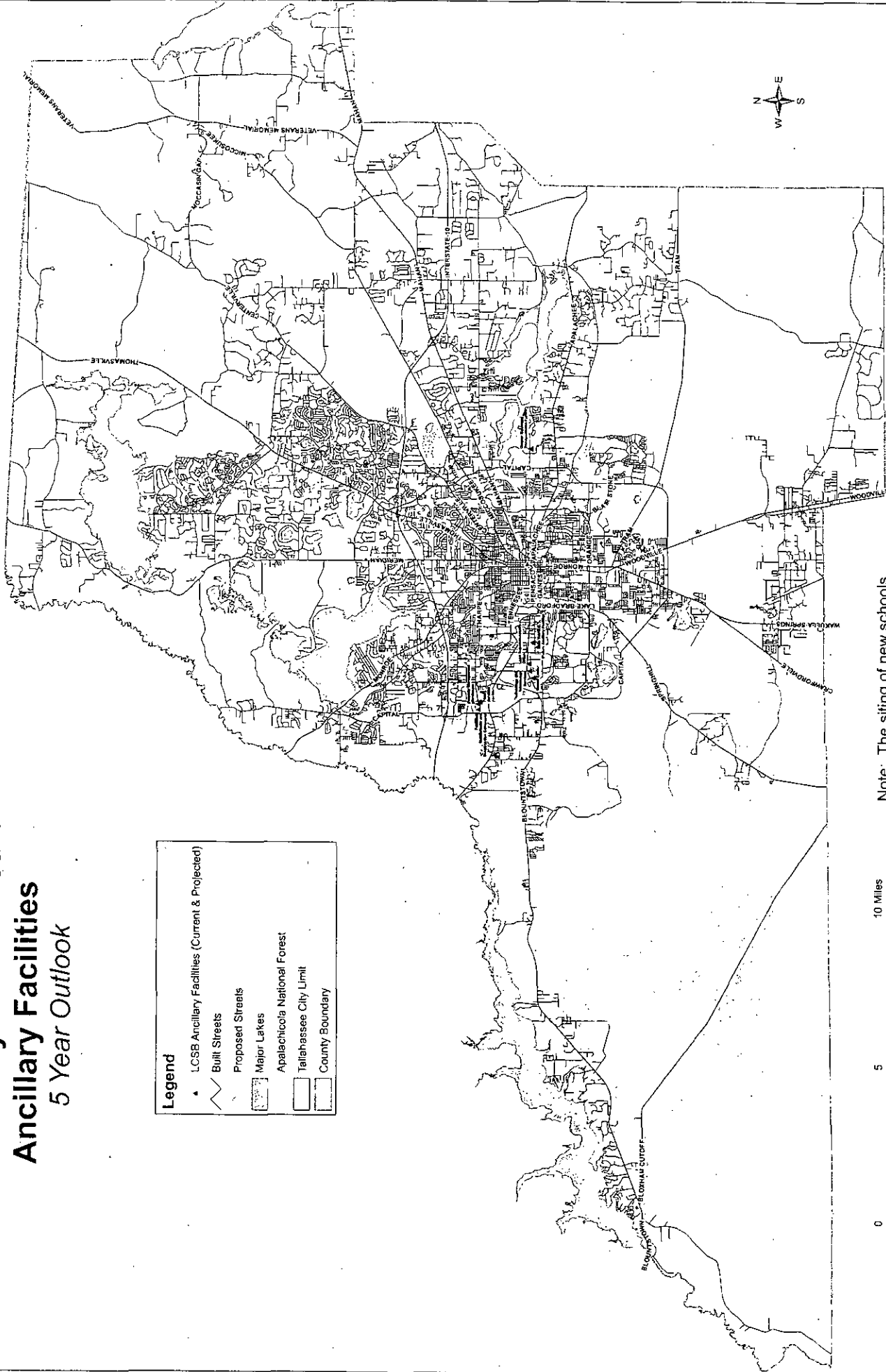
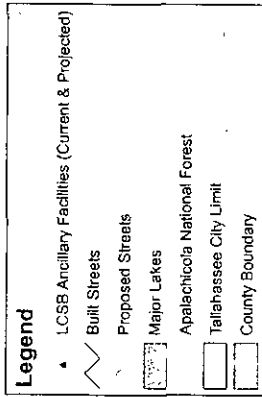
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**AMENDMENT PCT070206**

**Maps Required by FL Statutes  
To be Adopted as Part of the Element**

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# Leon County School Board Ancillary Facilities 5 Year Outlook



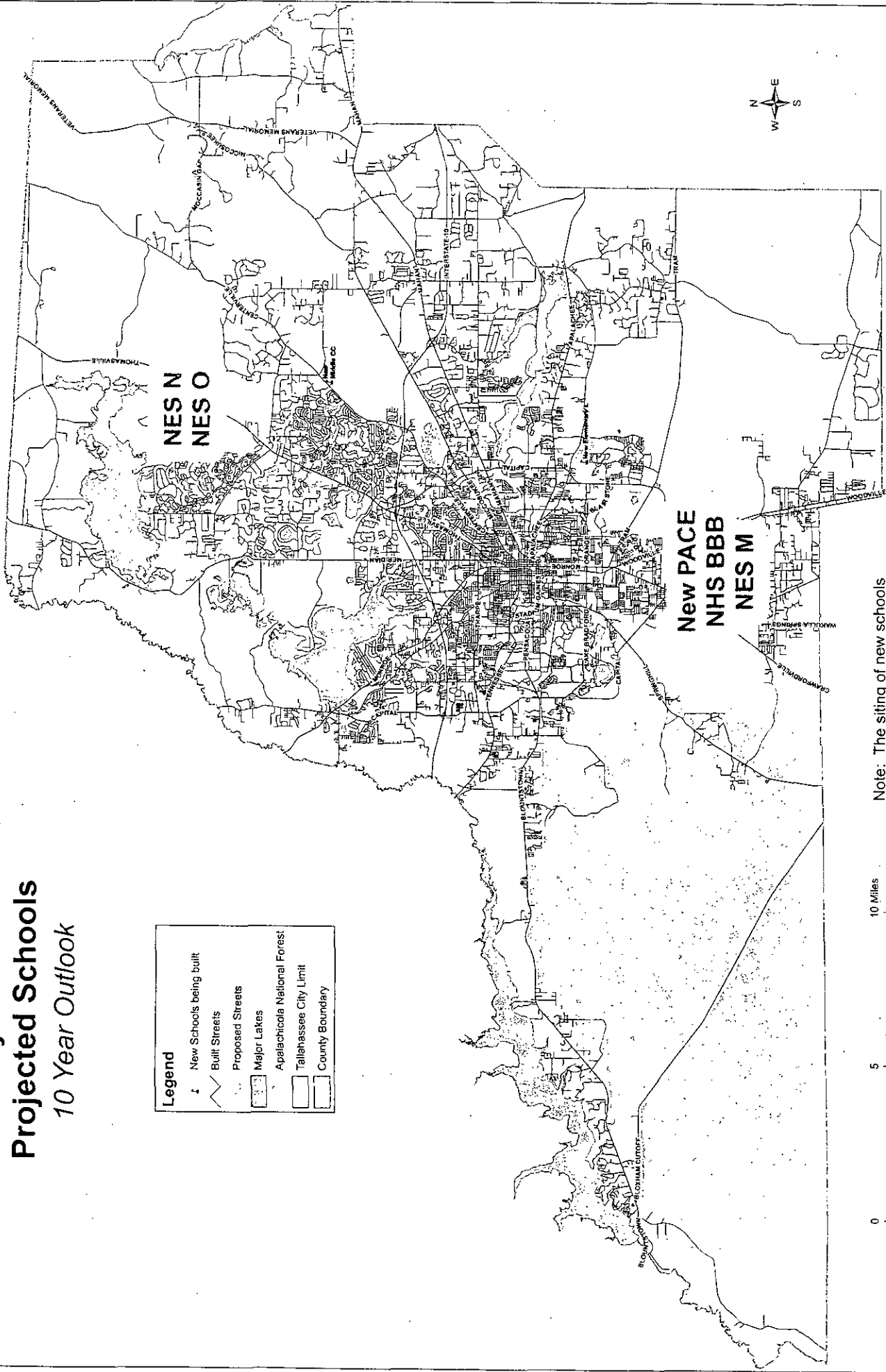
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# Leon County School Board Projected Schools 10 Year Outlook

Legend	
	New Schools being built
	Built Streets
	Proposed Streets
	Major Lakes
	Apalachicola National Forest
	Tallahassee City Limit
	County Boundary



0 5 10 Miles

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**AMENDMENT PCM070206**

**Map of Request Site**

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**(RECEIVED SINCE AUGUST 30, 2007)**

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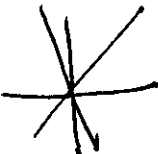
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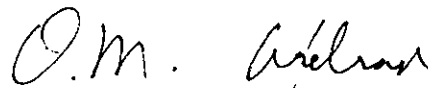
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above statements were duly approved by the Leon County Countywide Water Resources Citizens Advisory Committee following its meeting on August 27, 2007.



Dr. Don Axelrad, Chair

Dr. Don Axelrad  
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Dr. Jim Cavanagh  
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Dr. Larry Robinson  
Mr. Robert Scanlon

cc: Board of County Commissioners  
Parwez Alam, County Administrator

**AMENDMENT PCT070204**

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## Citizen Comment Amendmdnt # PCT070204

Sullivan, Sherri

**From:** Whitaker, Angela G  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 06, 2007 8:37 PM  
**To:** 'agillum@pfaw.org'  
**Cc:** Gregory, Jean; Sullivan, Sherri  
**Subject:** Judith Taps Re: Charles Pattison's comments on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments

FYI

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Judith Taps [mailto:judith\_taps@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 06, 2007 6:29 PM

**To:** Dailey, John; Desloge, Bryan; Whitaker, Angela G; Katz, Allan; Lightsey, Deborah A; Mustian, Mark; proctorb@mail.co.leon.fl.us; racklefb@mail.co.leon.fl.us; SAULSJ@mail.co.leon.fl.us; cliff@mail.co.leon.fl.us

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**Subject:** Charles Pattison's comments on the Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Hello,

Attached, for your information, are the comments Charles Pattison would have made at the August 29 Comprehensive Plan public hearing. Mayor Marks agreed to allow him to submit them later, as he needed to leave. Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Taps  
CONA Neighborhood Protection Chair

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## **Citizen Comment Amendmnt # PCT070204**

September 5, 2007

Mayor John Marks  
Chairman Ed DePuy

RE: PCT070204/Land Use Policy change to create USB

Dear Mayor Marks and Chairman DePuy:

At last week's joint comprehensive plan amendment workshop, we agreed to provide additional comments from one of our colleagues, Charles Pattison, a member of the CONA Neighborhood Protection Committee and a board member of the Betton Hills Neighborhood Association. CONA asks that these comments be added to the record for this proposed amendment and shared with your colleagues.

The information provided by staff does not indicate how the 2010 to 2020 timeframe creating the new Urban Service Boundary (USB) demonstrates consistency with the statutory requirement that the USB only contain an adequate area, and infrastructure, to accommodate the projected 10 year growth needs of the area. It is interesting to note, as the staff memo confirms, that the existing boundary could accommodate approximately 30 years of new growth, and as such documents once again that there is no need to expand the USB.

It remains unclear how the staff believes this amendment will be "activated" should it become effective. There is no procedure within current state growth management law for a community to decide when a plan amendment goes into effect. In order for this amendment then to meet state standards, the effective date for this amendment must be adjusted to reflect statutory requirements. As such, it would seem that the 10 year timeframe for this amendment should be 2008 to 2018.

Along with such an amendment, it is necessary that a 10 year capital improvement schedule also be included, and none was provided with this amendment. One of the fundamental justifications for establishing the desired USB is a demonstration that the capital facilities needed for 10 years of growth be documented. Without this, the ability to service the USB is in doubt.

We also want to reiterate our concerns regarding the justification for this amendment as proposed by staff. In particular, we seriously question the statement that since "adequate" neighborhood protections are in place, there is no longer a need to have detailed plan amendment reviews, especially by the state. CONA has patiently worked with staff to identify our concerns and recommendations regarding neighborhood protection, a policy that is in the joint comprehensive plan and which, thus far, has seen little specific attention. Before any consideration of a more limited review is even considered, we believe action on our recommended land development changes regarding notice, buffers, and appropriate design standards to mitigate and/or eliminate commercial encroachments need to be specifically adopted. In addition, there must be a commitment to future plan amendments for this same purpose. It remains curious to us that although we worked with staff before and during the EAR process to develop our recommendations on this matter, such amendments were not forthcoming, and yet this USB amendment, which was never identified, has somehow surfaced.

Mayor Marks  
Chairman DePuy  
September 5, 2007  
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To conclude, we have great reservations about this amendment shortening the review time for plan amendments. For whatever reason this is done, it will limit the ability of citizens to participate in plan amendments affecting their neighborhoods. Hopefully that is not the intent of the amendment, but without adequate neighborhood safeguards in place, this will be one of the results.

Sincerely,

Charles G. Pattison, AICP  
CONA Neighborhood Protection Committee

CC: CONA Board  
City/County Planning Staff

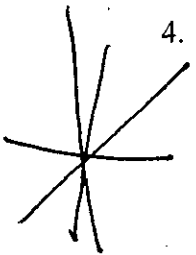
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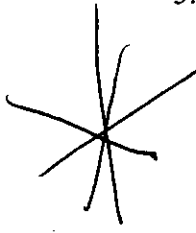
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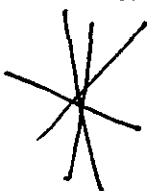
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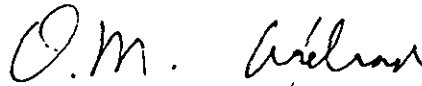
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**AMENDMENT PCM070206**

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Sullivan, Sherri

## Citizen Comment Amendment # PCM070206

**From:** Whitaker, Angela G  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2007 3:43 PM  
**To:** Gregory, Jean  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Sherri  
**Subject:** Amy Reimer Re: keep rezoning reasonable

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**From:** Reimer, Amy (Tallahassee) [mailto:amy.reimer@med.fsu.edu]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2007 1:14 PM  
**To:** Gillum, Andrew  
**Subject:** keep rezoning reasonable

Tallahassee and Leon County Commissions & the Public Service Communications Board  
Tallahassee, Florida

We, the members of the Tallahassee/Leon County community and the Partnership for Parks & Public Safety, applaud and support the Public Service Communications Board's recommendation to locate a Joint Dispatch Center for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services and a regional Red Cross facility on county property located adjacent to Tom Brown Park. We want to express our strong support for our community's law enforcement and emergency services. We also believe that Tallahassee's parks, trails and open space are vital to the recreational needs of our children and to the quality of life we all enjoy.

Our city and county commissions are considering an amendment to the Comprehensive Future Land Use Map that would change the zoning of a 45+/-acre parcel of land adjacent to Tom Brown Park from Recreation/Open Space to Government Operations. We oppose the rezoning of this entire parcel, as it is excessive and unnecessary.

While we agree that the location is appropriate, we strongly recommend that the City and County Commissions consider the following and incorporate these items into the proposed comprehensive plan amendment:

1. Limit the rezoning to a 10.67 acre parcel. (Map attached)
2. Demonstrate leadership by building one "green" building for both the Joint Dispatch Center and the Red Cross on the 10.67 acre parcel. One building - rather than the two currently planned - would require a smaller footprint and would cost less per square foot.
3. Empower the community (stakeholders) by inviting us to be included in a participatory design process for the new "green" building.
4. Transfer the remaining 34.28 acre parcel from County to City ownership to be managed as part of Tom Brown Park.
5. Financially support the creation of a comprehensive trail plan and funding for all ongoing maintenance of our system of trails throughout Tallahassee and Leon county. In addition we request a one time capitaloutlay for upgrading our local trail system.

We stand united in our request and look forward to working with the Commissions on this very important Public Service endeavor.

Supporters



Capital City Cyclists  
Gulf Winds Track Club  
The Trust for Public Land  
Audubon of Tallahassee  
Fat of the Land

*And Myself,*  
**Amy Reimer**  
**Year 4 Medical Student**  
**Class of 2008**

"As a dog returns to its vomit, so a fool repeats his folly."  
*Proverbs 26:11*

Sullivan, Sherri

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**Citizen Comment  
Amendment # PCM070206**

**From:** ermine@owenbyfamily.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2007 3:09 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Sherri  
**Subject:** Comprehensive Growth Plan Amendment

As a 15-year disaster volunteer and former Board member of the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, I would urge the City Commissioners to approve the Comprehensive Growth Planning amendment. It is a more effective use of time, energy, and resources to have emergency management agencies working under one roof. I would appreciate your supporting this amendment in the best interests of the citizens of Leon County, City of Tallahassee, as well as the 11 county area served by the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross in time of a disaster.

Thank you,  
Ermine M. Owenby

**Gerrell, Carolyn**

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**From:** Ingram, M'Lisa on behalf of City Manager  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2007 4:12 PM  
**To:** Gerrell, Carolyn  
**Subject:** FW: Please Approve

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**From:** Lisa S. [mailto:mc68000@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2007 3:24 PM

**To:** Marks, John; Katz, Allan; Whitaker, Angela G; Lightsey, Deborah A; Mustian, Mark; City Manager; Bentley, Chris; Nicholson-Choice, Maribel; Fronczak, Dave; Hinson, Terence; Kendall, Cathy; Norwood, Dianna; parker\_planning@comcast.net; Stengle, Dan

**Subject:** Please Approve

Dear Commissioners:

Please support the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross by approving the Comprehensive Growth Plan amendment in tonight's meeting. Gifts, for such a worthwhile cause as this, are few and far between. Let's not compromise this opportunity to save future dollars from coming out of the city/county coffers by having to pick up slack that the Red Cross might have been able to handle entirely, with adequate resources.

Having worked for county government, I understand the pressures that are put on the Commissions, practically on a daily basis, to alter the Growth Plan. Usually for individual gain.

However, keeping a growth plan from becoming obsolete, beginning from the day it is adopted, is why these hearings exist. To account for unforeseen, yet beneficial, occurrences such as this.

Their gift is a boon to us all. This amendment deserves a positive vote.

Thank you,

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Lisa R. L. Seay  
mc68000@comcast.net  
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Don't miss the colors and the dance of the sunrise. Can the sunrise be too beautiful?

- Blackwolf Jones

Sullivan, Sherri

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From: Ingram, M'Lisa  
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2007 8:50 AM  
To: Goodrow, Fred; Gregory, Jean; Sullivan, Sherri  
Subject: FW: !Comments regarding PCM 070206!

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve MacLeod [mailto:baba\_thaba@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2007 4:27 PM  
To: Marks, John; Katz, Allan; Whitaker, Angela G; Lightsey, Deborah A;  
Mustian, Mark; City Manager  
Cc: Nicholson-Choice, Maribel  
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Dear Mayor Marks and Tallahassee Commissioners,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven MacLeod  
216 Dixie Dr, Unit E-2  
Tallahassee, FL 32304

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**From:** Gregory, Jean  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2007 12:22 PM  
**To:** Sullivan, Sherri  
**Subject:** FW: Disaster Center at Tom Brown Park.

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**From:** Divine, Ruth A **On Behalf Of** Lightsey, Deborah A  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2007 12:07 PM  
**To:** Gregory, Jean  
**Subject:** FW: Disaster Center at Tom Brown Park.

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**From:** Pat Singletary [mailto:patsingletary@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2007 7:50 PM  
**To:** Lightsey, Deborah A  
**Subject:** Disaster Center at Tom Brown Park.

Please approve the location of the Disaster Center including the Red Cross building that is already funded to be built at Tom Brown Park..Thank you Patricia Singletary

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**To:** Gregory, Jean  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Sherri  
**Subject:** Steve MacLeod FW: !Comments regarding PCM 070206!

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**From:** Gerrell, Carolyn  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2007 5:47 PM  
**To:** Goodrow, Fred; Sullivan, Sherri  
**Cc:** Ingram, M'Lisa  
**Subject:** FW: COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH PLAN AMENDMENT

**Citizens Comments for Cycle 2007-2 Comp Plan Amendments.**

Thank you.

*Carol Gerrell*

Executive Secretary

Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department

Phone: (850) 891-8633

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**From:** Tamy [mailto:kitnicintally@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2007 3:35 PM  
**To:** Marks, John; Katz, Allan; Whitaker, Angela G; Lightsey, Deborah A; Mustian, Mark; City Manager  
**Subject:** COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH PLAN AMENDMENT

I am writing to ask you to please approve the Comprehensive Growth Plan amendment. It is critical to emergency operations in this area. In looking back at previous storms, including Hurricane Katrina, it is imperative to make sure that our area is as prepared as possible. Let's not wait for "20/20 hindsight" when we already know how much this will improve the abilities and efficiency of Response & Recovery when disaster strikes.

When disaster strikes and people start talking about what could've been done differently or what should've been done, you will be under one of the biggest spotlights. Do you want the community to point fingers at you and say that if you had approved this plan, then the devastation would've been dramatically lessened or do you want the community to praise your planning and foresight and be glad of your decision to approve this plan?

I understand that there are some who would disapprove of this plan, but these people think in the moment. They think only of what they WANT now, not what they will NEED in the future.

We CANNOT afford to think of just the present. We have to think ahead and do what's in the best interest of the community when disaster strikes. I say "when" because it's not a matter of "if". We WILL be hit. It's just a matter of when it will happen.



We need to think of how this decision will affect this community and surrounding communities. One thing to keep in mind is that the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross covers 8 counties and supports disaster relief operations in several other counties as well. The abilities of the Red Cross to conduct effective and efficient Response & Recovery during disasters in these areas will also be affected by your decision. That's over 600,000 people who will be directly affected by your decision. Although I understand that you are only responsible for this community, the lives and property of hundreds of thousands of residents in surrounding communities that depend on the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross for support and assistance when disaster strikes are in your hands since this is where the operational headquarters are located. Make sure that when you make this decision, you think of all the worst case scenarios and decide in your heart if you'll be able to live with the decision you've made should any of those scenarios happen. Will you be able to sleep knowing that our operational capabilities during a disaster are at their best or will you spend sleepless nights wishing that they were and knowing you could've made it happen?

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